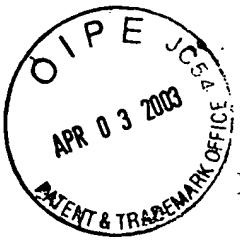


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b. X A concise explanation of the relevance of EP 0 144 483 and all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

The syringe barrel (1) supports on a needle-side cylindrical mouthpiece (2) a needle hub (3) applied axially from outside and secured by an annular cap (4). The cylindrical mouthpiece (2) and needle hub (3) each have an outer collar (5, 6) which are pressed axially against one another by the annular cap (4) engaging over them. The cylindrical mouthpiece (2) has a conical inner surface (11) widening on the needle side and extending as far as the needle-side end face (10) of its outer collar (6), and the needle hub (3) has a cone part (12) bearing against the conical inner surface (11). The annular cap (4) engaging over the outer collar (5) of the needle hub (3) with an annular flange (13) is elastically engaged on the cylindrical mouthpiece (2) via an inner shoulder (15) engaging over the cylinder-side end face (14) of its outer collar (6).

c. _____ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

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